18th January

Sir

In response to your request of the 17th Inst., just received, I respectfully present a statement of the amount of Gold and Silver operated on, by melting for Coinage, or by Refining, from the 1st of July to the 16th August, 1851.

The total standard ounces melted and delivered to the Coiner were as follows:

Metal	Standard ounces
Gold	277,970.95
Silver	1,854,218.80

Total amount of Bullion Refined, embracing the Gross Weight, and Standard Weights.

Gross Weights	Standard Weights in Oz.	
	Gold	Silver
68,782.11	19,383.73	51,115.33

The above figures do not fairly express the extent of our operations in the period designated (1½ months) without the following remarks:

1. The first half of July was employed in closing the accounts of the preceding fiscal year, and in allowing the men a few days rest after a year of constant activity.

2. The demand for Silver being large and urgent, Gold was not melted in July, nor in the first 11 days of August. The whole of the Gold in the table above given was melted from the 11th to the 16th of August. During the balance of the month (17th to 31st Aug. inclus.) nearly 600,000 oz. of Gold were prepared for coinage by melting

Very Respectfully
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Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.